

what manner new, and to a stranger, precious information may without confusion be exhibited. When the surveys as projected over the entire country shall have been made, so that the relative courses, distances and levels of all the remarkable points are given, and the land laid down in accordance;—such a map, by silent benefits in peace, and appreciable service in time of war, will show the propriety of the policy which has dictated its execution.

In carrying on the operations for the approaching year, it would appear that some modification in the existing act would be proper in order to meet more fairly the plan, and keep up fully with the expedition of the United States' work. By the arrangement before mentioned, it is provided that the United States are to have executed, by the corps now employed under M. Hassler in the survey of the coast, the primitive series of triangles extending over the Eastern and Western Shore of Maryland and the Chesapeake Bay. The extent of each member of this series, and the number of points determined by it, depend much upon the will of the operator—still more upon the character and features of the country over which it is spread. The state of Maryland is then to furnish to the United States the results of a secondary series of triangles comprised within, and filling up, the former—comprehending under the expression “secondary,” all triangles of whatever order, which may be necessary to bring the trigonometric points sufficiently near to one another, and to furnish details of the same minuteness with those procured already in other parts of the same survey. Of course then, although no time was specified, or indeed could be, for the completion of the matter on either side, it is understood that neither should delay the other; one great motive for junction, being the acceleration of operations, as well as the giving to them a more extended usefulness.

The propriety, therefore, on the part of the Legislature to provide for the Executive exercise of a larger discretion in the allowance and passage of necessary accounts, than was afforded by the act of last year, appears hardly necessary to be stated; and the Undersigned has only alluded to it because the character of the report seemed to require it.

Confiding entirely in the discreet liberality of the Legislature to sanction your Excellency's known zeal for the public good, and to strengthen the industry which has not ceased to